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The attached correspondence between the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Eisenhower conveys the invitation to and acceptance by Mrs. Eisenhower to sponsor the atomic submarine, USS NAUTILUS, soon to be launched at Groton, Connecticut.

The NAUTILUS will be the world's first atomic powered submarine. She is being built by the Electric Boat Division of the General Dynamics Corporation, successor to the old Holland Torpedo Boat Company which delivered the Navy's first submarine in 1900.

Other agencies involved in the construction of the vessel are the Navy's Bureau of Ships and the Atomic Energy Commission.

The launching date is set for 11:00 a.m., January 21st, 1954.

When completed, the NAUTILUS will be the largest and fastest submarine ever built in this country. Arrangements for the ceremony have not yet been completed, but it is expected that Mrs. Eisenhower will fly to New London on the morning of the 21st of January, returning to Washington that evening.